December 30th f. 15

1832

My dearest Papa

It is now my pleasure to disclose the most ardent wishes of my heart which are to extract out out my boundless wealth in compound, money sufficient to make this addition to my unequalled Library

Francis Galton
30 Dec 1832

Tertius Galton Esqr.
24 Lansdown Place
Leamington

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My dear Papa

Last night I caught four perch and this morning I had much better luck for I caught in about the same time three perch and four roach when I was coming to Mole & carrage arrived just before in which was a Lord as the servants where handing this wife out all of a sudden she fell on the pavement and ~~oth~~ was hurt very much indeed, I and Adèle made a very good dinner on the ~~tart~~ biscuits which I bought with me Good bye Aunt Sofia sends her best love to all

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Franc.s Galtz
Dudson
July
11 ~~April~~ 1832

Feb 7 1833

Dearest Pater

I wish you would send me as soon as possible ~~two~~ three boards just like those which you gave me to carpenter upon on for very particular circumstances and send them as quick as possible I intend to direct the letter ~~as soon as~~ to Adèle for fear if Pater should not be at home you may keep it for him the directions for the size are about 1 inch in thickness and about in breadth

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Thos. Galt
7 Feb 1833

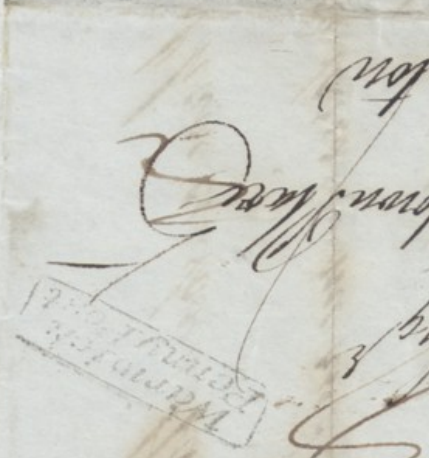
Mrs J. Galt
Lt Lambton Esq.
Cavanagh

My dearest Father

I have enclosed this note to Mrs Ward as you desired me and I also hope that you will put its direction on it as I do not know it. Please ask Daly to send one of those ~~steel~~ iron traps like the one in which you caught your fingers with teeth and tell Jap to discharge the immense sum of £1.3.0 at the Easter holidays

Francis Galton

Francis Galton
17 Mar 1833



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My dearest Pater

Please would you let me stay here ~~the~~ till next Tuesday because I think they I could deal more at Mr Churcfull than otherwise for he teaches famously I have no more time ~~the~~ to write so Good bye

Francis Galton
Alias
Snog Lord Torment
and
Tease

F. 7v

Francis Galton

Dec. 1833

J. J. Galton Esqr.
44 Lamartine Place
Edinburgh

My dearest Mater

I now write this letter to you on particular business to remind you of something which ~~a little~~ although you may have forgotten is still as fresh as possible in my memory which is that a few days after the robbery (the day of which was yesterday) you did for the purpose of solacing and comforting me on account of my watch you did faithfully promise that if that said article was not discovered another exactly similar to that should

fill up my watchpocket and as the aforesaid article has not been found in the hands of any body I do assuredly hope and expect that the next time my foot shall cross the threshold of No 2.2 a silver watch shall be given in to the hands of me. Herein fail not.

I have been going on with my chemistry very hard, and please give a thousand thanks to Mr Tyr for Turner ~~sing~~ since it's of a deal of use to me. As the sole import of this letter is to remind you mammy of the watch I have nothing else to say so good

bye Tut & quoq &c

f. 9r

Mrs Galton

44 Lansdown Place

Leamington

Warwick
Penny Post

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Franked Galton
Knutsford
Wednesday 1834

Mark —

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My dear Adele

I think that when you write to me you might possibly remember to put the where you live for the letter that you last sent to me had not the direction in it so when I come to Weymouth I shall not know where to go unless you write (Please dont read the following loud but let it be secret. Coax Pater as much as you can to get me a gun and ask him when he is not in a black humour and I leave the rest of it to yourself) I hope that Poddy has quite recovered his fright and is much better and I wish I had been there to enjoy the fun I wish that you had not gone to Weymouth for you said in your last letter that it was a large place which makes it as bad as even

Brighton. Try and get a great many eggs of rare sorts but not of the common for I have a great many of them and cover them with the rather weak gum water instead of blowing them and try and learn their names I am coming on the 19th and are there many ~~fine~~ places for ~~fish~~ fishing wood is gone out for three days and Hugh Williams goes on the 12th Good bye and remember what I asked you —

Francis Galton

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Francis Galton

12 June 1834

Kenilworth

Mrs Galton

Post Office

Leamington

My dear Pater

I am writing to you to ask you if I may fence which I hope you will, please send my foil as quick as possible. I am very happy here and we have every thing almost we could wish We do an immense deal of work but nevertheless I should like to fence as we should have quite 3 quarters of an hour to ourselves after fencing for an hour on half holidays All this week there have been only two boys cane and none flogged they are in such capital order but the rules are pretty strict and the Doctor does not allow us to make a mistake in our grammar which we learn in a very nice way which is this at first we learn about one page then we learn the next page with the first then the third with the two first and so on It is now bed time so good bye and believe me your affectionate son Francis Galton

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Francis Galton

2 Feb. 1835

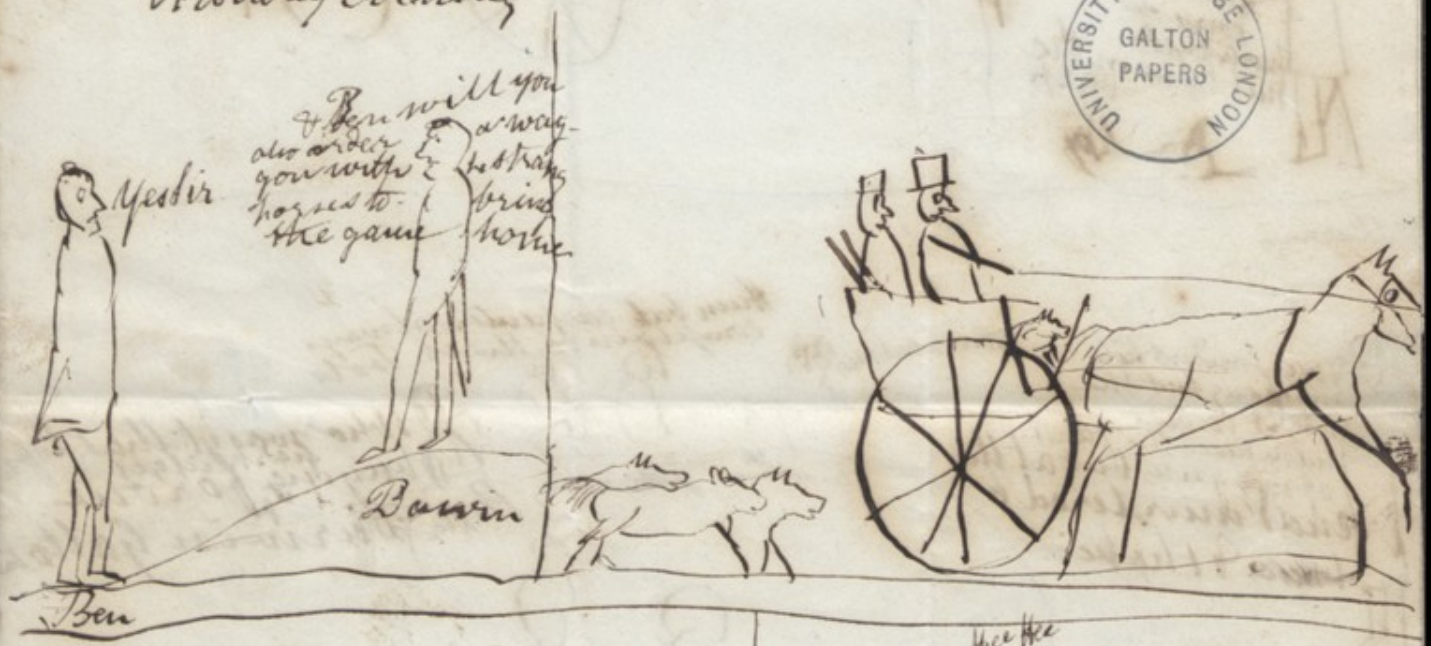
Mr Galton

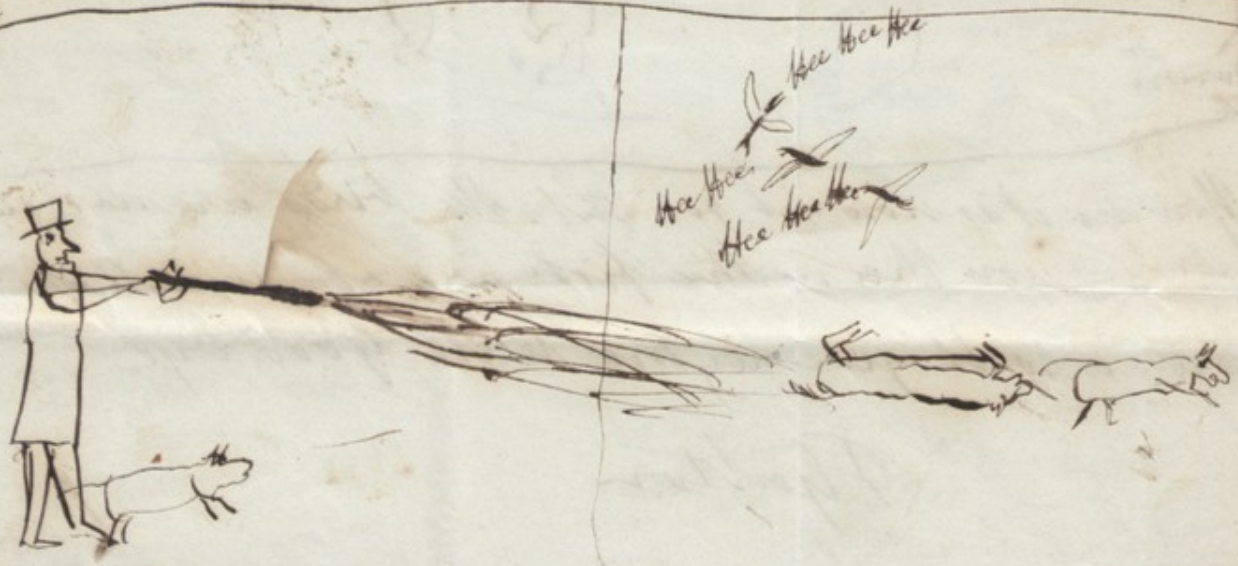
Mr L.L. Lumsdaine Esqre

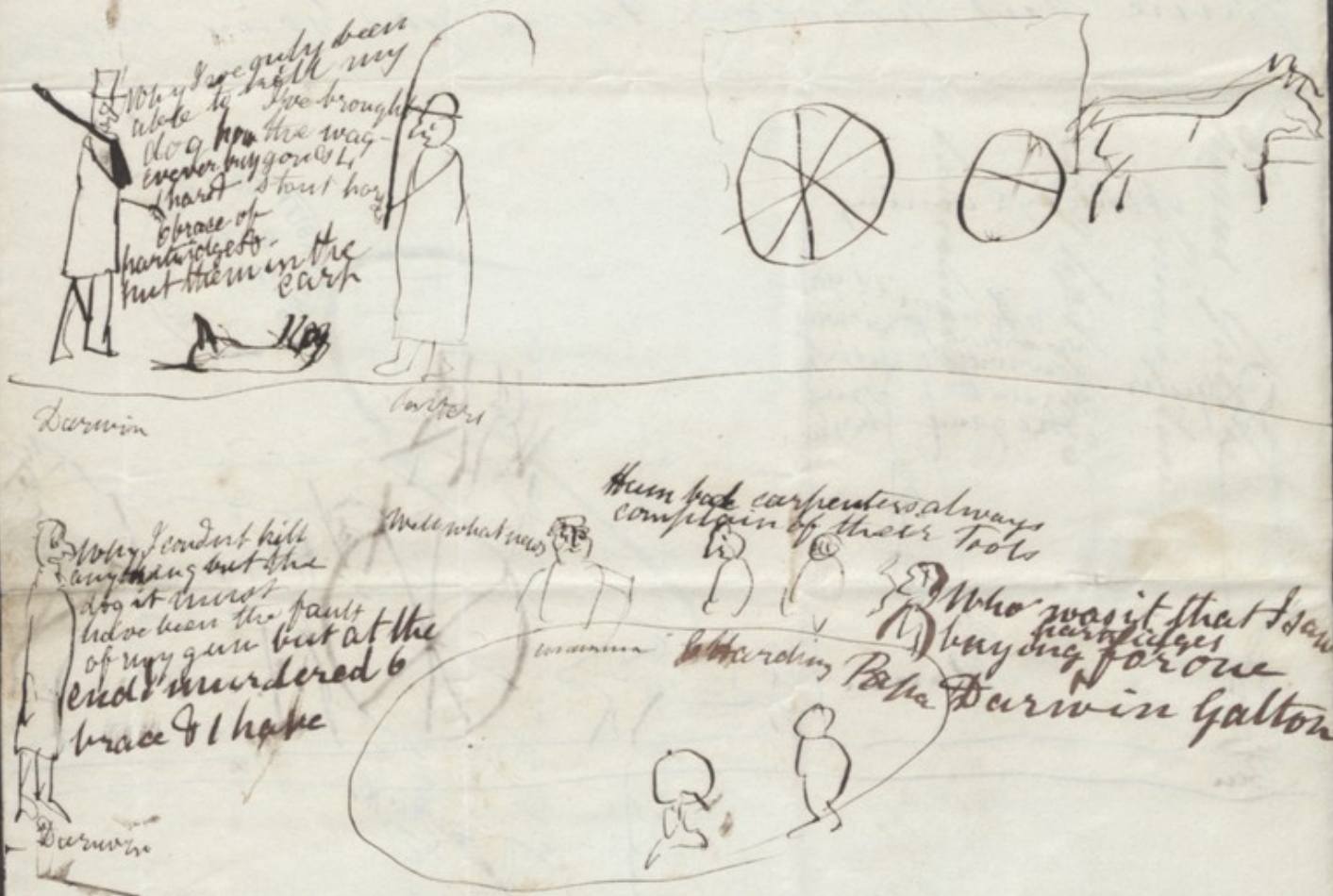
Learmington

My dear Dar so I hear that not horses were strained to death in carrying your game but however I send you some carriages below

Monday Evening







You see it is now hit for tat the birds are not more afraid of you than the fish are of us

Betty is well give my love to all Good bye

F Galton

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Francis Galton
Birmingham
Wed 9 Sept 1835

Caricatures

Mr Galton Junr
4 Lansdowne Place
Pennington St.

Looking up - All's right!

C:E:H

What the respectable gentleman in the Brougham can be laughing at

Good method of carrying a carpet bag – Suggested for the benefit of F: G: Esq Dg: – illustrated by C: E: P: –

My dear Adele,

Thanks for the Paper. I have not been able to write on account of the hard work and many interruptions I have lately had — 30 one day, the next 40, the next 40, so that I have not had the least time — Another boy has left — I is believed to be in a consumption — indeed I never knew such an unhappy ~~[illegible]~~ unlucky school as this, 2 more will leave at Christmas, & I would give anything if I could leave ~~this~~ too — There has been a great row about some of the Chaps getting books from a neighbouring circulating library, one book the Dr ~~[illegible]~~ stole critted another Lark threw into the fire and some of us were called into the study & accused us, telling the greatest story possible but luckily he was found out in most of them. I do not like the Dr taking our

class at school, he expects the grammar said more perfectly than we can, & thrashes the lower part of the class for every mistake they make in construing; this morning he thrashed 11 fellows in 8 minutes!! So we have no peace at home through Easter, & no peace at school through the d°; I wish Papa had taken me away at the Holidays, but of course he won't; he has no reason that I know of, except about changing schools, as forgetting ~~on~~ I am not getting on in the least and every day is a day wasted, how is it then expected that if I leave school at 17 as Peter has told me I shall learn enough to pass examination at College and again as you know how easily Latin and Greek are forgotten I am to turn away wholly from classics to Doctoring which of course confuse me & make me forget the greatest part of what little I have learnt — how much better it would be to remove me before it is too late! but however I suppose Papa will not change & therefore I must bear the consequences Good bye & believe me your affectionate brother F Galton

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My dear Papa, I have just received this letter & send it on for your perusal in case you should like to make any enquiries as poor Francis appears much down cast – he overall flourishing & spent last night a very agreeable evening in the Woods – Mama & all of us unite in dear love & in faith believe me your affectionate daughter

Adela Galton

Francis Galton
27 Oct. 1836

S Tertius Galton Esqr
No 1 Slany Street
Birmingham

S Tertius Galton Esqr
~~Birmingham~~
~~No 1 Slany Street~~
~~Birmingham~~

Tuesday —

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My dear Papa

Thank you very much for your kind letter & allowing me to take Mathematical lessons from Mr Mason. I have come over to your opinion that ~~Latin~~ Classics are of the greatest use in training the mind but I feel certain that I do not get on as I ought to do here but even ~~if I d~~ not counting that, there is a thing which you must own is of almost equal importance to Classics & that is extensive reading in English both History & Poetry

now although the Dr. says he approves
of that kind of reading yet when he comes
in in the morning does as reading any book
besides a Classical one he always says
to us "have you done your lessons" then
if we say yes he makes us say them
then if we do know them perfectly he
takes to look over what we have done
before &c. In fact although nominally
he approves of it yet really he tries to
put a stop to it. Also in thinking it
over it seems to me that 6 books of
Euclid are very little for 2 years. Now
there was one thing wch I forgot to say
about English reading that every time

of life is the one to make the most
use of hereafter & can any person get on
anywhere without having read certainly
a great deal of English? when I read now
I am obliged to read under the table at
meals or pick up time as I can & with
amounts to very little in the end. As
for my Classics I certainly am not getting
on if at Easter we are made part of the
Doctor's class we shall be put back to the
old round of impositions & hard work with
come again as the Dr. himself has opened
us more than once; if we remain on
the other hand in Sedge's class I shall
keep ~~with~~ where I am, I ask you in this
letter to remove not because I am unhappy

here for certainly we have much more
liberty & are treated more as men but because
I really feel ~~with~~ that I am not getting on
I am not going down in my class but then

my class is remaining where it is. I leave it
to you to do as you think best; but I must say
I think I have good ground for what I have said
Good bye & believe me your affectionate son
Francis Galton

Francis Galton
Trinity College
Cambridge
29 Oct 1857

S. T. Galton Esq
Gaddesden Place
Hemel Hempstead
Herts

Sunday

My dear Alice

Thanks very much for your letter. I think our best tour would be to go first to Bangor to attend Cathedral service there since I never yet saw and the service charmed. Do you think that I could go to Snowden? Cader Idris & Dolgelly are certainly too far out of the road. Then suppose after Snowden I went to Beaumaris & back by Liverpool & Manchester

I hear that you are going to dine at Lang's on Friday - are you going to sleep there or not? The prizes will be given the 1st thing on Friday morning & then we shall be turned loose. I have found out that a boy who is doing Trigonometry will be counted of this class so he will be certain of the prize having done what we are doing oftener than us & of course far superior than us in equations through practice so I do not feel by any means certain of mine accepted but however I am

working harder at Mathematics than before to give me a good chance for there are three very great myself and 2 other boys they know ~~the~~ what they do more perfectly than I do but then I have learnt many more proofs & can work Algebra & Deduction faster than they can so I fear is very doubtful who will come in for a chance. Perhaps you remember saying that if two triangles have two sides of the one equal to two sides of the other respectively & one angle but not the included one also equal that it did not by any means follow that

the trig angles were equal but if you look
to the 7th Proposition of the 8th Book
you will see that it can be proved by
it I can prove it also in the case of a

Francis Galton
Cambridge
26 March 1837

J. F. Galton Esq
29 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London

right angle or of an obtuse angle by the fourth
book but I have not tried with an acute angle
Good bye I believe me ever yours affectionate
Son Francis Galton

Thursday Decr 6 - 1837

My dear Papa

Please let me know as soon as the question is decided about my entrance into the hospital - certainly I think that there could not be a more advantageous place than that for learning medicine & thank you very much for all the pains you have taken about me - In answer to Adele letter the holidays begin at ½ past twelve O'clock on Wednesday the 20th of this month - There is very little going on now - Mrs Jenne has left Birmingham for Aylesbury & it is a fact the Dr does not seem by any means inconsolable at her absence but even seems more happy than usual. By the bye please tell Sisters that if they

should like to send any letters to Anne Broadley and let me have them by the 18th of this month as I can get them put into the Hull post office by one of Gedge's boys — My Mackintosh fits me very well indeed but is still rather stiff since I have not worn it more than three or four times — Dr Booth has been so kind as to promise to take me over the hospital next Saturday — The New School room is getting on very fast — And as I really have nothing else to say than that I hope all are quite well, Crab & (I forget the name of Dora's pointer) included &c &c — and that the reconciliation between Master & Man is quite perfect —

Good bye and believe me ever

Your affectionate Son

Francis Galton

PS I had quite forgot to thank Mater for her present to buy Southey & please tell her that since I could not get that book I bought Crabbe instead & thank her very much for it —

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Francis Galton
Esq
Birm

6 Dec 1837

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Mr Galton
29 Gloucester Place
Leamington

Southwick Grove

My dear Papa

I hear from Adèle that since you wished me to be at Midsummer placed under the care of some physician you had desired her to make enquiries about Dr Blakiston. From what I have heard, it appears that Dr Blakiston himself is not as gentlemanly nor mixes with such society (generally speaking) as you would wish, & Lucy considers Mrs Blakiston also not quite as she ought to be. Now if under these circumstances Dr Blakiston would not suit, what do you think of Dr Routh?

It is true that there is a great deal of "overbage" about him, but then he has got the reputation of making those under his care, follow his pursuits & tastes whether they like it or not & he certainly is as we know clever & also practises a great deal among the "lower classes" in which professional visits most likely he would have no objection to take me with him — as was the case with Mr Pritchard. However if I am wrong about Dr Blakiston he would most likely be the better of the two — but I also think that Dr Roolt ~~would~~ as a relation would take more interest in my progress than any one else & also

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it would bring me more into the society of my Aunt than I could be otherwise —

We have a whole Holiday to day for the D^a who is to be sworn in to Day at Jersey

Good bye & believe me ever your affectionate Son

Francis Galton

I must, my dear Father, before I conclude thank you again for your kindness & liberality towards my education which I assure you I deeply feel

[illegible]

My dear Papa, I arrived here after a most delightful journey with Erasmus quite safe & well & reached Mr Booth's by 10 o'clock & was most hospitally received by him – Breakfast & Luncheon was prepared & a delightful fire in both parlour & bedroom & Mrs Taylor was much attentive – Will you thank my dear Aunt (in my name) for all this kindness – Sent your note to the Free School but found Frances was at Smethwick he as well as Mary & James are looking quite well – the Children are suffering much from a

Rev. F. Galton
Lichfield
March 1838

F. Galton Esq
25 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London

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cough which puts them out of sorts – Ada is grown quite a large girl & very active – We are quite [illegible] to the old Lady & Mr Barnes & Mr Blanchard & Mr Bill & Mr Bunnett & Mr Sneyd & Mr Wilkes & Mr Wright & a great many more – Mr Darwin is appointed to Shrewsbury & we have a party there – Mr Darwin appears very anxious to be married & we have a little hopes – I do hate

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Wednesday Night 25 of July 1838 — Old Humm

I have just burnt your ~~letter of credit~~ cheque on Barclay & Co for 20 £ not having used any part thereof:
I have not had time to call upon Mr Yates. we have between us quite a sufficient no of letters of recommendation

My dear Governor

First of all the things that I need are those that are over & above what I want there is much grumbling about the size of my carpet bag. Now to my history. I arrived at the Coventry station house at about 9. Accordingly I looked about Coventry till it was 1 past and returned & took my station on the steps ~~steps~~ at 25 minutes to 10 the train came up. prominent out of one of the carriages was a pale jaundiey face to which was attached a most ~~[illegible]~~ indescribable ~~[illegible]~~ proboscis across which glittered a pair of spectacles. before the train stopt the mouth of the aforesaid face was engaged at bawling out the name of "Galton" in such a tone that the passengers

of the other carriages simultaneously popped their heads out of the windows expectedly some most awful calamity. I accordingly, most awfully ashamed for the police officers had to keep up the chuckling & Galton was the burden of the song, elbowed my way ~~where~~ to where the yellow face was bawling, introduced myself, Russell's eyes glistened through his spectacles with joy he at last found me, and fairly out of breath revealed himself. We went on to Rugby where we were turned out into coaches, which were very bad ones and so got on to Drubigh Hall, where we got into the train again and reached London. Cabbed it to the Old Hummums. Went to Bowman & arranged plans for the next day.

Tuesday. Went with Russell to Bowman & then we three set off to get our passports. We got the passport of the Prussian consul & had it visé'd by the Belgian Ambassador. I went to Barclays' to get my letter of credit

altered. He invited me to dinner at Leyton and offered me a bed: both of which I accepted There were about 16 persons at dinner all of them Barclays or Gurneys except 3 Tritts tors, they were most kind to me.

Wednesday. Was driven back by Mr Henry Gurney to London. Called on the Huberts who are leaving for Tunbridge Wells, ditto on the Gurneys who are gone to Cheswick: ditto on Gunters, NB this was the most pleasant call of them all, I walked from one end of Bedford Street to the other, about half a mile; hiring was not given in your direction & the waiter told me that Bedford Place was no where near Covent Garden.

If you can please hint to Pritchard that if you can, that it is not quite the thing to send parcels by friend, measuring 9 inches in length & 2 ½ in solid content, to be carried from Covent Garden to the corner of St John's Street at least a mile & a half the two penny parcel delivery company not

having any receiving houses nearer. I was magnetized to day & had not so much effect on me as last time: the Baron said that he was quite exhausted. We set off to-morrow. Bowman will keep the top of the perch. I cannot displace him. Rupell & I are fighting for the next place. NB Rupell, who

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London
25 July 1838

F. Galton Esq.
29 Lansdowne Place
Leamington
Warwick

Rupell's free is pretty, that of his sister etc. is cutting Cloe & Jemima on a variable circle. the same place [illegible]

is 20 years old, is an awful snob, don't tell this to any one. I am top to p full of obligations & gratitude &c - & as happy as possible & see no reason why I should not continue so. Rupell's uncle is going to accompany us through Belgium. Give love to all. &c. & good bye & believe me ever your affectionate son Francis Galton

Liège Saturday July 28. 1838.

(NB I have drawn 10 £ ten pounds at Antwerp, letters take about a week in going from Leipsic)

My dear Father

I have had a most pleasant journey so far. I have been in Antwerp. Brussels passed by Vilvorde twice, I passed by Tirlemont & Louvain & now am at Liège. I have kept an awfully copious journal. I have sketched two things in Antwerp & Brussels & only one little thing in Liège viz the Cathedral. For I have not had any thing like time. However I will give you my history. In the first place I left London on Thursday morning with Bowman, Russell & two brothers Russell's Uncle. We had a very fine & smooth course voyage down the Thames. I was very sick but not badly. Landed at Antwerp & went to Le Grand Laboureur. Saw the lions of the place. Post office was not open when we first arrived so could not enquire for letters.

Saw the Church of the Jesuits. Dominican Church Cathedral. Museum. I was most pleased with the paintings. The churches are certainly most beautiful

My dear Father
I have sent the
letter to Sandown
Place, in which I
have inclosed
a few lines to
Frances & Louisa
Russell
Yours affectionately
Henry Russell
Be sure to write
to me at Leipsic
where I am going
on Friday

Went to the Cathedral. Climbed to the top, beautiful view. Set off for Brussels by the boat at 2. O'clock — which we reached at 3. Hung out at the Reine Vue. Post Office was at such a distance, the valet de place said that I could not go there & see sights. In fact wherever I have been I have been prevented from enquiring for letter. Henry Write to me at Munich — that must be as soon as possible, & to Leipzig but not to no other place. I shall write on Saturday and my letters to Munich

Saw Museum the Ornithological Collection of which was the best I have ever seen, the Geological was very fair. Library very large Principals fine old ones too. Paintings beautiful. Saw the Hôtel de Ville & all the wonders. Left Brussels for Liege at 6, arrived there at 10. Churches beautiful, that at all the rest I have seen. Museum beautiful. Good Mathematic. Excellent Mineralogy. Hospital nothing particular. Palais de Justice a fine ✓ its interior

court is very like that of the exchange at Antwerp only larger. Cathedral very fine. Left at 10 for Aix la Chapelle where we stayed about an hour. Saw the tomb & chasse &c. of Charlemagne very early on Sunday morning. Left for Bonn where we arrived at 8 in the afternoon went to the Cathedral which is very fine & attended Catholic service. walked up to the top of it. fine view. Monday went over the town & made an expedition to the Drachenfels, Godesberg Castle &c. & the volcanic crater of Rodenbergge. the scenery is sufficiently superior to any thing I had any conception of. Byron's description in 3rd of the fourth of Childe Harold (I forget which) & in his letter to the Countess Guiccioli who you will find in his life is very exact. the mixture of scenery is quite curious, ranging from the wild crags coloured or bare mountains to vineyards corn fields &c &c. the islands of the Rhine too are very pretty. As you have a panorama of the Rhine I do not describe our route. Landed at Coblentz on Wednesday evening. there are fine footpaths about. one called Stein bristein facing the town is most magnificent. Thursday went over the town & fortress. Friday (to day) went up Bad Ems to Nassau along the banks of the Lahn. the water in one of the baths rises at the temp. of 33° Reaumur (108 F)

our passports we have had but little trouble with. I really am quite full of obligations to you for letting me take this trip & have been as happy as possible. You must excuse my courting longer letter as, after having been out all day, coming in to the coffee room tired you are stupefied with heavy smoke puffed out of the mouth of some 60. people then writing a long journal it is anything

Thanks! Capital weather

Yours
Francis Galton

FRANCO

Sir Galton Esqr
29 Lansdowne Place
Leamington
Warwickshire
Angleterre

Dear Mr Galton I feel very grateful to you for your letter which I received on my return from Spa. I was so tired & unfit for anything that I did not feel inclined to write to you. I have been delighted with Spa & intend to return there next year. I shall be very happy to see you at Leamington if you should be in the neighbourhood. Give my kind regards to your mother & believe me ever yours sincerely

we are actually only given one small bottl. decanter of water – to wash ourselves in altogether! [illegible]
[illegible] it is a [illegible] so far are obliged to [illegible] the decanter continually [illegible]
The [illegible] is abominable. The [illegible] are more [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] very [illegible] The climate is much warmer [illegible] [illegible]
these last days, and rather [illegible] but their [illegible] are awfully hot –
[illegible] ascended the Melibocus. I never [illegible] anything like the [illegible]
I like [illegible] in Pickwick was "literary [illegible] not [illegible] you were [illegible]
[illegible] a walzer [illegible]" was [illegible] read the preface to Marryat's [illegible]
at the end of the "Diable" [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]
containing nothing more [illegible] than travelling. The more you see the more you
are convinced of the superiority of [illegible]. However nothing can be
so abominable as a German or Frenchman who loves his country [illegible]
the [illegible] & genuine patriotism to be able thus to prefer it [illegible]
to believe me your [illegible] affectionate [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. I am as happy as possible & never had more enjoyed [illegible]
thank [illegible] so much [illegible] all the [illegible] that you can [illegible]
have nothing [illegible] Write soon about [illegible] that is going on [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the band. – [illegible] not [illegible]
[illegible] I had [illegible]
Dear Emma I wish you [illegible] to see all the [illegible] scenery [illegible]
we passed through [illegible] which [illegible] the most splendid I have [illegible]
[illegible] The architecture is very [illegible] There is a great deal [illegible]
[illegible] I never [illegible] a perfect building of that style [illegible]
There is but a very little Norman [illegible] not [illegible] highly ornamented
The florid architecture in Cologne Cathedral. It is unfinished [illegible]
unfortunately in general a great mixture of styles – [illegible]
[illegible] very [illegible] say that [illegible] England [illegible] in all the [illegible] Grecian

and some [illegible]. The [illegible] of our [illegible]!!!
[illegible] to our thousands [illegible]. It is quite a fashionable place
[illegible] where we arrived [illegible] Tuesday
[illegible] at last we got a seat [illegible] Rhine
[illegible] Castle [illegible]. Went to Frankfort [illegible]
[illegible] Saturday. Arrived at Frankfort at
[illegible] Sunday. Went to the hospitals
[illegible] there is one Jewish hospital, but I were [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] Jewish quarter [illegible] I found [illegible]
[illegible] Jews [illegible] the Bridge of Remembrance. It is
[illegible] Frankfort [illegible] Europe [illegible]
[illegible] Jews [illegible] population
[illegible] Protestants [illegible] of the
[illegible] Protestant churches [illegible] the organ
[illegible] the Bridge [illegible]. Saw the [illegible] where the
[illegible] were crowned. Saw the Museum of Main.
[illegible] very fine & the Natural History [illegible]
[illegible] of the Life [illegible] most carefully
[illegible] Saw the Castle [illegible] West [illegible] top of
[illegible] very [illegible] Castle [illegible] very [illegible]
[illegible] Saw [illegible] the [illegible] of the Bible [illegible] printed

and [illegible] - The [illegible] at the temperature of 87 [illegible]!!! It is quite impossible to [illegible] it. It is quite a fashionable place [illegible] in the evening where we arrived after [illegible] o'clock [illegible] at last we got a bed. Tuesday 21 Got up at [illegible] breakfast [illegible]. View of the Moselle & Rhine & Ehrenbreitstein Castle is very good. Went on to Frankfort. Stopped on the way to see [illegible] Castle. Arrived at Frankfort at [illegible] walked about the town. Wednesday. Went to see the hospitals as they say that there is a [illegible] hospital, but I was [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] I found myself without [illegible]. Saw the Ariadne of Dannecker. It is the most splendid statue that I ever saw. You perhaps have seen models of it [illegible]. The population here is about 50,000 [illegible] of whom [illegible] are Jews [illegible] of the rest Protestants. [illegible] to see the Protestant church. The organ is very fine & it has as many stops & [illegible] as the [illegible] organ [illegible]. Saw the [illegible] where [illegible] were crowned. Saw the Museum of Paintings [illegible] was very fair & the Natural History Museum. Thursday Saw the skull of [illegible] which is most carefully preserved [illegible]. Went to the top of the cathedral [illegible] a very good view [illegible]. Went to the library & there is the first copy of the bible that ever was printed.

Munich Sat. Aug. 19. 1850.

My dear Father

The last letter I left me at Heidelberg, wh. is situated on the Neckar, a very pretty river, wh. runs into the Rhine. [illegible] On Tuesday we saw all the medical [illegible], & happen happened to have some little fellows who were at school with me. They told their Professors about us, who kindly came on & introduced us right & left – to Biedermann a tall dancer & the [illegible] & a good whole set of others. There was also [illegible] to whom we had letters of introduction, a person who has made himself celebrated by [illegible] a wax candle (without the wick) from a candlestick [illegible] holes in a skull of [illegible] as M.D's would call it, injecting the veins & systems of the bones with wax. (I think that this is the phrase) This afternoon I looked up to Max's Stool (a town on top of a hill) whence there is a very good view. Much the same as that of the Malibran where you can see [illegible]. In the Evening we went with Drs Cobalt & [illegible] on the side of a mountain opposite called the "Professor walk" [illegible] hoped on which the duels take place of the students [illegible] to the place. Sometimes lately 12 !!! a day generally [illegible] from 6 to 8. They fight with words – they stamp & they [illegible] they may not thrust, but only cut. They hardly ever hit each other. Most of the students have the marks of war on their faces. Set off for Stuttgart at 6 on Wed.

[illegible] to give my love to Eliza

Monday Aug 25. 185[illegible]
Verona.

F. 11r

Dear Father

I am very sorry that I could not write to you as usual on Saturday, but being at that time about the middle of the Tyrolese Alps I could not manage it. We [illegible] arrived at Munich about [illegible] in the morning. Munich is a most beautiful place. [illegible] [illegible] the Emperor of Russia was staying there to whom I made a most gracious bow & [illegible] [illegible] due to the King of Bavaria. We went to see the [illegible] & a great many other things the library one of the largest in the world which contains some most valuable documents &c. the ~~[illegible]~~ collections of Statuary and Paintings both of which are worth [illegible]. There is there Canova's Venus, Paris & others. the Graces are in a private collection at Munich. We spent 2 days & a half there having as much to do as we could manage. Set off on Wednesday the [illegible] by [illegible] the Brenner, Innsbruck, Botzen &c. the scenery on the road is what I had not the slightest [illegible] you have before you the whole Alpine range of the Tyrol. Verona is a very fine place. We have seen the Arena & all the Churches in one of which there is a most splendid monument by Canova – been to the top of the Cathedral which is Gothic & has far more work in it than the Church of Notre Dame at Antwerp. And been to the Opera in which Romeo & Juliet was performed very well. Give my love to all & good bye & believe me ever your affectionate son Horace Galton – I have never enjoyed myself half so much as in this journey – I think [illegible] have a few [illegible] [illegible] about the [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] in all [illegible] over all nations.

Dear Papa you will be glad to hear for the honour of our Country that the Steamers on the Danube were [illegible] by English Engineers [illegible] on the Rhine are all [illegible] the orders are all given in English [illegible] after your welcome [illegible] 23 but I have not [illegible]

officer, fell into a ~~[illegible]~~ "paroxysm of bows" & away we drove. Got into Linz at 3 in the morning of the 26th & at 7 we were steaming it down the Danube in one of the early voyages of steamers on this part of the Danube (bye & the bye 2 days) up on the steamers can't there go. & turned round which we hoped. I am not sure if any lives were lost. I was very much disappointed with the Danube, except in two

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Dr. Galton
Vienna
Austria
26 Aug 1838

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To
Francis Galton Esq.
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Warwickshire
England.

Pesth
Hungary
Sept 18th 1858

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Vienna Aug 30. 1832

My dear Father. I did not find any letters for me at Vienna when I came but I shall look to-morrow as my last chance. Please always to allow at the least a week ~~or 10 days~~, for a German coach cannot be quick it is against its nature. As we shall in all probability be in Berlin about the 13th of September, Thursday, where we shall stay about 8 days if you please to write to me there First of all ~~just~~ if I ought to be at the Hospital exactly on the 29th or 30th or at the most 3 days would make any difference. I can ask Harpon but dont let your letter go to me. Please do not write to me at Hamburg. I have never spent any time more pleasantly than at Vienna. There is an immense deal to be seen. unfortunately the Emperor & court are at Milan and the place is comparatively deserted. We have been to the Opera & Theatre here which are really very well managed - the subject of the Opera was Romeo & Juliet. exactly the same story as Shakespeare's. The streets of Vienna are running at all angles with only other no footpath but well paved. By ways running through the middle of houses, which makes it a most difficult place to find our way in. Our valet de place who had been taking us to different medical institutions told a Dr Schlegmann a physician of the hospital all about us, he very kindly took us over every thing. got us admitted to different museums where we had stuck the day before; & has shown us every thing. Tell Kepy that after all some of these Germans are not bad sort of fellows. There is a cathedral here ~~[illegible]~~ which we went up. I never did fully pity the poor of a corkscrew till I was twisted round & round the upright shaft.

We are rather 24 hours after our time which however I think that we shall make up without much difficulty by night travellings as we pass through no fine scenery until we come to Saxon Switzerland. & that after all is but one long defile. all around it is flat. We shall miss the field of Austerlitz in going to Prague as that wd take us very much out of our route, and after all the English were not engaged there. We have been most fortunate in our travels – we have not once been in the slightest difficulty, as far as mistakes go – I certainly confess fall of contrition that it wd have been much better had I known the language. but I am sure that I sh^d not have had sufficient time to know enough to get ~~to~~ on to be of use. We cannot however enter at all into any conversation at the table d'hote, which is a great pity. By the bye there are no ~~tables~~ tables d'hote at Vienna. & for that cause tell Emma that the puff is fast ~~disappearing~~. To day we happened to have cutlets for dinner they made their appearance in a species of mushroom sauce as we thought. ~~all except me~~ the others attacked them voraciously declaring that they were capital only tough, I did not like them at all & only tasted a little – however the toughness of a mushroom was so very surprising that we interrogated the waiter – who very coolly, expressing slight surprise at our ignorance, told us that horror of horror, they were white fried snails. You see that I have got an English stomach. The ices here are excellent I think as good as Gunter & for 6^d you get an immense qty.

Prague. Here I am at last after no small trouble in getting here. we arrived at a small town at 10 o'clock our voiturier had

promised us fresh horses every 20 miles & there none we to be had, the same had occured at the last place so that these horses had come 60 miles and wouldn't go further. After 2 hours delay as horses were expected we found that none whatever were to be had - there was no carriage to be had for extra post. At last at 12 o'clock fortunately a carriage arrived & we went of extra post. Luckily also we came in time for an Eilwagen at a place called Deutsch Band. I got to Prague pretty through 2 battle fields from both of which I have got stones or relics by which I mean Colin & Gordon Prague. Tell Adele that I remembered Leonore. the burial-place is as there described. viz with magnificent vaultings &c. Saw the Church Convent Library - view Castle &c. &c. There is a good sized bridge here. Prague has like Leipsig known very well but contains very little - all its fame is derived from important circumstances such as battles &c having taken place near it. Dresden. Wed 27/8/57.

Those just arrived here having passed a short way down the Elbe out of Austria & its territories into Saxony through Saxon Switzerland. Saxon Switzerland is a very small range of mountains: not lofty - the highest not being 900 ft high - but very curious - they are perfectly perpendicular masses jutting out of the earth - edges generally rounded, they stand in general off regularly sloping hills covered with forests - looking just like the tops of tin tea canisters, or funnels with half their spouts broken off  this may give you some idea of what I mean. How they can call this Switzerland I cannot tell, I was very much disappointed with it. Arrived at Dresden to-day at 2 post &c. It is a gloomy town, with two (as far as I have seen) fine squares - houses high & the biggest bridge in Germany over the Elbe. Steam boats are

running about here. Ditto Gondolas. I have as yet only walked about the town, promenade & river. When I leave Dresden I shall have drawn 40 £ in all. [redacted]. The reason that I did not send this letter of Saturday was that I was travelling the same route & in all probability past as fast as the letter would have done. Should any letters have miscarried. I have as written to prevent

Francis Galton
Dresden, Sept 15th 1838
Aug 15th

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confusion in that, I have written one on every Saturday on either one or two days of the time & received one at Frankfort. I have not yet arrived for letters here. My next letter will be next Saturday or Friday week. Bye the bye about those days leave of absence. It is not at all certain that I shall require them, but very possible. Good bye & believe me ever your affectionate Francis Galton. Give my love to all. I am so very sleepy that I do not write any more.

Sunday ~~XVI~~. Berlin. Sept 18 58

My dear Father

Since I sent my last letter I have seen ~~Dresden~~ Leipzig Halle & now am at Berlin. I think that I shall be home on Wednesday or Thursday morning, not later than that so that I shall manage very well without any more time. I have completely forgotten how far I got myself in my last letter however I as I believe that I had finished Dresden I will go on from there. At Leipzig there was nothing particular to be seen except the buildings for the Company of Booksellers &c., Poniatowski also (my mamstahe fell near here in the retreat on the 3d day of the battle of Leipzig. The spot where he was drowned is pointed out & a monument is erected to commemorate it. ~~[illegible]~~ At Halle where our paper had told us that Salt Mines were be found turned out to be only salt springs of which we had seen 2 already. I was very sorry as we might have seen several ~~[illegible]~~ given half a day but we reserved ourselves for this. Potsdam is a very pretty place nothing but fine though uncomfortable & cold looking houses. Frederick the Great died here & there are so great no of his relics here. Arrived at last at Berlin

paving & heat around are abominable. The sand, getting into your eyes, pockets, & everything. However after all it is a very pretty place. Palace, is very fine, the finest I have seen of the Continent, Emperor of Russia King of Bavaria & one or two other top sawyers are here now at a ground review of 30.000 men. We went to see some of the country of Berlin Iron.. those very fine ornaments wh I certainly always thought were made of twisted wire are all cast & then rubbed over with a mixture of lamp black & something to keep them from rust. I received your 2nd letter here at last, I am full of obligations for the receipt for boots however they have disappeared. Berlin is a very nice place off the whole broad Street – an avenue runs right up the middle of the one I am now in – I cannot help thinking that I have written to you some part of this before. If so I am full of contrition – I am as happy as possible. Good bye & believe me ever your affectionate Son Walter.

Dear Bessy – The boils after succeeded without the salt water – but thanks for the receipt. However I must tell of some specimens of perspicuability of my two companions my foot has been unfortunately exactly like Erasmus's at Weymouth that is the upper extremity thereof (which I will call foot for the same reason that you designated part of my bathing machine

toes) most perversely grew in the side, causing inflammation. I happened to mention this to them, a smile of conscious professional power illumined the face of the one, the grin of delight that of the other, both most readily proffered their services, and as a bachelor Rupert whistled out a bag containing 2 lancets, 1 tourniquet, a pot of ointment, a pair of surgical scissors, bandages enough and to spare, for any compound fracture, lint, 2 boxes of blue-pills, & a sewing needle. He deposited these in succession on the table, adjusted his spectacles & smiled serenely. Torment on my foot pained me clearly & I made up my mind. & contrary to Gil-Blas accepted the Surgeon's hand. Bowman & Rupert disappeared & retreated. I was at last found & seated. The sick member was charge Bowman sleeve tucked up & advanced scissors in hand. The reflected light from the instrument looked awful. He made a most beautiful circular twist of the hand for what earthly reason I do not know, & brought the scissors to their former place. He then examined my foot, shook his head & ejaculated bad-very. Rupert have you a pair of forceps? No was the response. The two heads were now brought together to discover a substitute for the instrument in question; as last a bent pin was found to answer. Accordingly Rupert had to hold the flesh back, & away went Bowman - twisting up the nails then cutting it - snip - snap all round. I within, how I could help laughing at the operation. It was a splendid sight.

to do them justice all pain has gone away. Bye the bye on the receipt of your Letter I got the only Moore of a large type that I could find. The paper is bad type good & much larger than a newspaper & the book contains the Irish Melodies Sacred Songs National airs - ballads & Judge Foundy in Paris - price 3 bob.

Francis Galton
Esq.
Duke - Hill
25 Feb 1838

Mr Galton Esq
Leamington Spa
Warwickshire
England

Give my love to all. NB I write to you alone to save the my dear sisters & sisters. no of good byes & affectionate Brothers so the letter is always common property. Good bye & believe me Your your affectionate Brother Francis Galton.
By the bye the expence of their journey will be about £5 or £6
NB Brownlow has sent his compts about sixty times but I have always forgotten them

Tuesday 25. 1838
Kirkella

My dear Governor.

I had not room in my last letter to tell you all the news so I will now commence. After leaving Hamburg where we saw odd costumes old canals & Cathedrals &c &c. we had the misfortune of the boiler getting wrong which caused a delay of about 3 hours. We were then just too late for the tide & stuck on a sand bank where we had to wait for the tide. We accordingly got the Pilot boat & rowed to the Danish shore where we rambled about four hours. after that we were too late to be able to fire our way at the mouth of the river Elbe we had to spend the night. Next day we passed Copenhagen & the Sound. I had a long passage to Hull we also got stopped by the thunder fog & could not proceed for a long time. nobody in the whole 3½ days the night I was dreadfully sea sick. I although like a true Briton nobody (when on terra firma) can enter more fully into the spirit of the sea or "on the blood waters of the dark blue sea" the sailor somehow when rolling about in a pocket handkerchief my enthusiasm dies within me, or rather like Bob Acres courage "oozes out" but unfor-

unlucky not like his out of the palms of his hands - but ..... I arrived at Hull at 8 o'clock on Monday. The time of absence from my land was determined at 60 days I was absent 60 days, all but a quarter of an hour. After Custom house &c at Hull I set off for Kirkella & took the Broadleys by surprise. who have been lonesey &c all about. Mrs Broadley unfortunately is not able to leave her room, Anne & Charlotte are the only ones at home. I shall escort Annie to Lucy so as to be at Moor Hall at 5 on Saturday & at Birmingham home at about 8 or 9 pm. I shall then go to the Hospital if I cannot get leave of absence. Please to tell me about what I am to do. Accounts &c I will settle them. I am very sorry that I could not come to see you but I wished particularly to call upon the Broadleys if possible & accordingly went round by Hull. They are most kind & good-natured to me. And Anne send her love &c. Kirkella is a most comfortable

looking place surrounded by a colony of Cypres
their houses ~~looking~~ like towers to the ramparts
of their garden walls. The weather is rather foggy
however tell Bessy that Yorkshire is not
such a very bad place after all. Humber is
muddy – awfully – but away thro' ~~is better~~
looks well after the Elbe. And as for the
English ~~fields~~ Roses & Green lawns ~~you~~
cannot appreciate them till after having
been abroad. Tell Bessy that if possible
Jan. 3 thinks as loyal as ever. The remainder
of this unreadable writing like the rest
and the portable length of my pen I have
marked the length below ⟨————⟩
Good bye & believe me ever your
affectionate Son Francis Galton

Francis Galton
Kirk Ella
25 Sept 1838

HULL
SEP 26
1838

Mr Galton Esq.
Dr Lansdowne Place
Leamington Spa
Warwickshire.

[illegible] Mrs Galton Mrs Francis is winding her [illegible] Francis, it is difficult to state — I feel [illegible] proud also, & not a little of his coming to see us. Kind love to all — ever Yours very affectly

C. B. Beardsley

[illegible] to Mrs Galton [illegible] Hall, & we are [illegible] I can only [illegible] that the weather [illegible] fine few days [illegible] (very unlike Yorkshire) [illegible] that we have not been after [illegible] perfectly a-bout, [illegible] several [illegible] of interest [illegible] Mr [illegible] letter [illegible] but under

Wednesday 10th. – Leamington.

My dear Governor.

I have just returned from Birmingham where I dined yesterday with Dr Booth & the day before with Hodgson. Hodgson advised me, now, to read some medicine & the Dr has lent me the book. but when I mentioned that I intended to go on with German while I was at Leamington he said that I had certainly better not, but give up my time to ~~German~~ Pharmacy. Accordingly I have not called upon the Dole. as I know that you wish me to knock under to Hodgson in every thing of that sort. He and the Dr were both very good-natured to me. I was sorry to hear from Hodgson rather differently to what I had before understood. his words were "that I must

Respect.
every possible anoyance, both in society & in continual interruptions. that I shall never have a minute that I can call my own," & spoke very strongly on the subject. Dr Booth does not seem at all to like the interference of Hodgson, he seemed very much anoyed, & spoke but little about my pursuits &c. Bye the Bye. Hodgson says that my master must be German & Mathematics a twice a week & he will enquire about them. Not Drawing. he says that I shall have quite sufficient to do, with those. Lucy has had some bad headaches poor Anne Broadley & the children are flourishing. they all send a lot of loves, &c &c. to you & Sisters. Woor Hall is a very pretty place. I do not know if you have ever seen it. Give me love to all

Good Bye & Bless me ever your
affectionate Son

Francis Galton.

PS. If Molyneux should send me watch to day as he promised it how is he to be paid

f. 20r

F. Galton Esq.
Hodgson Hall.
Droitwich.

Francis Galton
10 Oct 1838

f 21r

Monday Oct 29. 1878
Hospital

My dear Governor

Thank you for your letter
I will see if Mr Marson can give me
lessons or not in Mathematics – I think
that it is very probable that he will.
Mr Jones is spoken of as the best
German Tutor – His terms are moderate
Would you be so kind as to send me
my German Grammars & Elementary Books
& Klopstock. & a few Tracts. Adèle
will do this – Also please ask Eustace
to put out from my knick-knack
Cupboard a little instrument for boiling
water it consists of a cylindrical
copper vessel – a sort of boiler with
a bent pipe running out of it. & a spirit-lamp

There is a hospital seat at St Paul's which I attend. To morrow there will be an amputation of the leg, where I shall see how I can stand fire. — I did not receive any letter for the Herald. — You told me nothing whatever in your letter about the news at Moor Hall so I suppose all is well. I am rather anxious to begin dressing myself, as it is a bore seeing some pretty little operation going on where you cannot be the performer. By the bye would you tell me if I am to dress for Mr Hodgson or not as I really do not know what you have fixed in that way. All the "higher powers" are very good natured &c. but snobbs. We smelt the Dispenser is not at all a blackguard. If you do not become intimate with him which I am glad to see as I shall be much under him.

Good bye & remember me to you

Your affectionate son R. Slatter

f. 22r

I have given your letter to Mr Hodgson

Horace-Homer Head

Francis Galton
Birmingham

29 Oct. 1838

J. Galton Esq.
2 Gloucester Pl.
Kensington

Saturday Nov 10. 1838
Hospital

My dear Governor

I am now pretty well settled at the Hospital — the Revd Mr Craven — A Wrangler has been engaged as a Mathematic Master for me. He comes on Monday. A Mr Jones is my German Master — he pretty good hand at teaching. There is an immense deal of work here — It does not come in one long pull but in a series of jerks of labour between intervals of rest. Like playing a pike with a Click Reel. I will give you a sort of diary of the Morning of day before yesterday. ½ past 5 p.m. went round all the Wards — (No joke I assure you) — Made up about 25 prescriptions — Awful Headache &c. Entered in the Hospital Books, records &c of Patients — writing in my Case Book &c hard work till 9. Supper. Went round several of the Wards

again, Accident came in – Broken leg – had to assist
setting it. ½ past 11. Had to read Medicine till
12. Very sleepy. Indeed – lighted my candle to go
to bed. A Ring at the Accident Bell. Found that it
was a Tremendous fracture. Warmed finished
until ½ past 1. Went to bed. & in the Arms
of Morpheus. 3 a.m. In the Morning. A Tremendous
knocking at the door. Awful Compound fracture
Kept me up till 5. Went to Bed – up again at
7 o'clock ——— Rather Tiring Work on the
Whole, but very entertaining – Attended a Post
Mortem & Dissection. 2 days ago – Horror – Horror – Horror.
I do not know when I shall get over the impression.
It was a woman whose wounds I had assisted to dress – I had
[redacted] & made her medicine & presented
once or twice for her. My first regular Patient
died also – Yesterday Morning. However as it was
a Burn My Mind is perfectly easy. Dont tell this
it wont sound well. I shall set up a case of
Instruments soon. I can write prescriptions splendidly
And moreover begin to understand all the Mystery
of Medicine. which is not a little. ~~Tony~~

I am very sorry that you have got the Gout
if I were at home I would present be for you with
great pleasure. Tell Betty that I have some valuable
receipts - such as splendid Tooth-Powder - Glycerine
Perfumes - Beautiful Varnisher. - Also Lucy's
Biscuit Pie Crust Answers very well.

I expect to cut Glen - Blas quite out. I can
hardly refrain really from sending you a splendid
receipt for cure of the Gibberish.

Good Bye & Believe me Ever
Your affe Son
Francis Galton

Please blow up Adèle for sending that
parcel here after that I had told her what
to do with it. Please send me my Delphin
Horace & Ainsworth's Dict. & Schreveliu's
Lexicon —

F. T. Galton Esq
29 Lansdowne Place
Leamington

Francis Galton
Birmingham
10 Mar 1838

Wednesday 21 Nov/53
Hospital

My dear Governor.

I write to you now to say that Abbot is my mathematical master as Craven who took his degree 20 years ago declined, on the day he had appointed for my first lesson, to teach me. As of course the former arrangements were again took in hand I did not give your letter to Mr Sedge. Mr Abbot came last night to fix what books I was to read. ~~Bye the~~ I like him very much from what I have seen of him, he seems a very gentlemanly person. Would you send me my Snowballs Pie you mention it is a thin octavo book in boards, with the name on white paper on it, Sidgi; as soon as possible. To day was what they call a grand field day. Six important operations being performed. I received your letter, get

on flourishingly. I have not got my instruments yet. Hodgson who undertook the care of them is always forgetting them. The M Ds are all most good natured to me. I am allowed to spend a Sunday every now & then out; I was last Sunday at Moor Hall. all well there, & also to dine out & so forth once or twice a week. I dine the day after to morrow at Dr Booth's. I suppose that I shall see you soon at Brain: so I will not write any more. Remember to send the book soon. Bye the bye whenever an Fly is to be perceived on the exterior of a badly directed letter I wish to be opened immediately & not to be sent after the person to whom it is directed. for in writing to you especially I can not tell in what part of world you are. Good Bye & believe me your ever sincere Son Francis Galton.

Dear Delly had I received your letter before my last went off I should have blown her up to the skies as it is my wrath has evaporated

A Bad compound fracture has just come in so I must be off.

I cannot get rid of your watch but I exchanged mine for a seal for ~~[illegible]~~ with which I seal this letter.

f. 26v

Francis Galton — Birm.

20 Nov 1838

Mr Alex Galton

29 Queen Anne Ave

Cavendish Sq

BIRMINGHAM

NOV 21

1838

Dec 5th 1858

Birmingham General Hospital

My dear Governor.

I should have written before, but I was waiting for my instruments, to see if my funds were sufficient. they have not yet come. so I write to you at once. Thank you for your letter. I am very glad to hear that you are flourishing. Now for business. My Mathematical Master comes at 7 o'clock Tuesday Evening — My German at ½ past 6 on Friday Evening. My Time is distributed as follows.

Up ~~by~~ 8. Breakfast to until ½ to 9.
I then go round the House with Mr Baker. afterwards at about 10 I "post mortem" if should there be a subject, sometimes operations take place &c of not. I dispense should there be many out-patients otherwise I read Medical Books, & go round with the Surgeons & sometimes Physicians (who bye the bye are abominably unpunctual) However as it is impossible to regulate that part of my time. but my hands are full with the above occupation

until 2. Not forgetting bye the bye 5 minutes as the clock strikes 11. which are invariably employed by me in swallowing &c. a Digestive Pill. Well at 2 o'clock I dine &c till ½ to 3. I then read medical Books &c till ¼ past 5. Then take Tea till ½ to 6. Then Mathematics till ¼ ~~past~~ 8. After that I write in the register I have to keep & attend to other little hospital duties. also go round a few of the wards. I read Horace & Homer on alternate days for an hour &c till ¼ past 9 when Supper is ready. After Supper (at ½ past 9) I read German an hour or so according to the state of my headache. — Walk out when I can — about 2 or 3 times a week generally between 3 & 5. When I dine out I read Mathematics from 2 till 5 — & return to the Hospital at ½ past 8 (I & with Dr Booth) only just shew myself at Supper so I get ¾ of an hour of medical Reading from ¼ to 8 to ½ past 9 & then as before. I also always make this law Should an accident occur such as a fractd leg which takes up sometimes 2 hours to set &c ~~&c~~ such as finding splints - making pads - &c. I do not continue my studies in my other branches as if nothing had happened - but divide my remaining time between all that I have not done that day. I like Mr Abbot my Mathem: Master very much he advises me not to read the Calculus until I have read a little of other branches. I have read in a last fortnight - The greater part of

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Analytical Trigonometry, I have got some way in Conic Sections which I like very much. I expect to have finished them in about a month or 6 weeks. & then for the Calculus. ~~Do~~ Mr Bspy not to row me for this writing because I really do generally write better but I cannot make my pen mark & I have not a knife in my pocket. Good Bye & believe me ever

your affectionate &c

Francis Galton.

PS. You ought to see me vaccinate I do so pitch the lancet into the children's Arms.

If I take wine I shd be the only one that does at table accordingly I cannot do so

7 o'clock

F. Galton Esq.
29 Lansdowne Place
Leamington.

BIRMINGH
DE 6
1838
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Mrs. Galton – Birm.
Dec. 1838

F. 28.

Sunday. Dec 22 1878
Hospital.

My dear Father.

I find that I cannot come to Leamington to-morrow. As first of all I have to dress in the absence of one of the dressers. 2nd The Dispenser is still unwell and in case of his being ill to go on I must be at hand. Accordingly I have intended to ~~have~~ go to Moor Hall where I had been more than half engaged. leaving the Hospital as late as possible on Monday Night & returning in time to dress on Wednesday Morning. I hope that I shall be able to come next week. but certainly not before. indeed could I manage to do so I really think that it would be better not as I have such a very good opportunity of dressing. Tell Bessy that I am fully aware of how wrong it is to violate old customs & especially that of meeting at Christmas Day – but – it can't be helped. Really now that I am turned "Doctor" I find that I can decide on nothing before hand. this is

not my first disappointment. I do not know if I told you what a public character I have ~~to~~ become. Four different times in walking thro' Ball Street & New Street have I been surrounded by various juvenile members of the "Rag-tag & bob-tail" division of the inhabitants, & addressed, not with huzzas but with "I-say old chap, give us some medicine" also "There goes the Doctor" & other phrases pointing to my profession. Excuse this hurried letter.

& now Good bye & believe me ever your

~~affectionate~~ son

Francis Galton.

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Frd. Galton
Birm. 22 Dec 1838

J. Hutchinson Esq.
29 Kilmorgan Sq.
Leamington

BIRMINGHAM
DE 23
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Jan 8th 1859
Hospital

My dear Father

Thank you for you undated letter, dictated Mamma. First of all about Dr Jephson's Nephew. An application was to made for the situation of house pupil about 3 weeks ago. The Vacancy has been advertised at least for a month & should an application on part of Dr Jephson's Nephew be not made to the Committee before next Friday (Jan 11th) I hear from Mr Miller that he will not be able to get in, as on that day the other candidate will be elected. His Name is George Yates. Son of the Hamper & Yates. Mam I was at school with him at the Free School, and he is considered rather too young for the place, & if another good offer be made soon I think, that it would be preferable

I suppose that you received the receipt of your cheque
I at all events put it in the office. I hear from
Mamma that you did not consider a finish as
necessary after an evening at the theatre, but as
I have no doubt but that you merely were in
doubt about where you'd find a good one, according
I will give you the results of my experience & strong-
ly recommend the one in Covent Garden. I suppose
that you are now with the Hubers, I hope that they
are all well. Give my love to my Aunt and
Cousins. How is Julia. I suppose that Kate's
Poonies are getting on well. she will look quite
blooming in a week. I tried my hand at tooth
drawing the other day. A Boy came in - looking
very deplorable. walked up to me & opened his
mouth. I rather started. But two senses soon
told me what was the matter. I looked awfully
wise & the boy sat down in perfect confidence. I did
not manage the first proceedings well, for first
I put in the key (that is the tooth instrument) the wrong
way - then I could not catch hold of the right tooth

with it at last I got hold of. I then took my breath, to enable me to give a harder wrench, One - two - three & away I went. A confused sort of murmur something like that of a bee in a fox glove proceeded from the boys mouth. he hiked at me awfully. I wrenched the harder. When bang the thing - Crash went the tooth - It really was dreadfully decayed - & out came my instrument I seized hold of the broken bits - the poor hands were of course over his mouth & eyes from the pain so he could of course see nothing. I immediately ~~then~~ threw the bits into the fire. & most unconcern took another survey of the Gentleman's jaws - the tooth was snapped right off - Well I pacified. Told him that one half of the tooth was out & I would take out the other (knowing full well that he would not let me touch it again) & that it was a <u>double</u> one. But as I had expected he would not let me proceed. Well there was another tooth which he wanted out & against wh I took proceedings. I at last fixed the instrument splendid & tugged away splendidly like a sailor at the handspike, when the boys roaring this time like a lion with his head in a bag. broke from me

& the sawbone that was holding his head bolted straight away - cursing all the Hospital Doctors right manfully so much for my first tooth Drawing.

Good Bye and believe me ever your affectionate Son

Fra^s Galton

Francis Galton Esq.
Wickham Chambers
12 James' Square
London

General Hospital
Jan 20. 1839.

My dear Adèle

Thanks for your letter - ditto innumerable for Bessy's I am full of contrition for not having sent you your watch I thought that I had done so, - and now I have to scold you - The other day I was at Moor Hall, & looking amongst several books I found ~~the fol~~ Montagne's Bible with the following names at the beginning. Francis Galton to Adèle G. in exchange for Robinsons Scripture Characters, well I was looking on when Robinson struck my eye containing also a ratification of what was in Montague and Nothing More. Now my Adèle I leave you to your conscience & I wait for an answer, knowing full well that these books were given in exchange for others from Lucy. Please tell

Papa that she Dr. Jeffreson wished to offer his nephew as a candidate, it is now too late, as Mr Yates is already chosen. I have been rather invalided & was sent off for a few days to Mon Hall to recruit. I shall look you up at Leamington some of these fine days but not just yet. Hang it, it is now ~~to~~ past ten in the Evening & a car is just rolling up to the door so I must finish perhaps as it may be a broken leg to Good bye &c

Fra Galton.

Write soon & also give me a full length description of Mamsey's beauties with her new teeth & also her London tale. Here they come to call me. Bye — bye.

21st. It was only a bad scald — This morning Hodgson gave me a letter from the Governor to him. and in reply - first of all ~~to~~ my arm is all but well, it was an old sore which I had ~~been~~ forgotten when directing. it broke out of course & then subsided. about a week or ten days after that it broke out again and gave me some trouble. Then as to my general health my headaches are better than they were once - a great deal & I have

of course a little hospital fever &c but that is all. About my mind which always attacks I shall not say much except that it is very uncomfortable. but I shall soon get over all hospital horrors &c &c. I am in a great hurry as I want to get a walk out now, not having had one on account of the weather for the 3 last days. of course I have nothing to tell you, as the medical world is quite a little world of its own, & its proceedings I should imagine are not very interesting to the civilised one. Oh. Donner und Blitz here is another accident. I must look sharp for my walk if not kept long by this double calamity both to me & patients I am calling out — Coming sir. tar — tar —

Fra Galton.

For.

Any body that will read it.

Thos. Holder

20 Jan 1839

Friday
Hospital

Dear Peter

Cant come – quite impossible. Patients increased – awful number. – Cut a brace of fingers off yesterday – & one the day before – Happy to operate on any one at home – I am flourishing – Wish I could say same of my Patients

Love to All – Bye – Bye

Fra^s Galton

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Francis Galton
Brum.
8 March 1839.

S. T. Galton Esqr
24 Lansdowne Place
Leamington

May 17th 1859
17 New St Spring Gardens

My dear Mother.

When you next write to my Father - please tell him that, a letter which I directed to him shortly after my arrival in London, at Baden Baden, was returned to me the other day, opened, from the Dead Letter Box, owing to my not having previously paid the sum of 1s. 8d. which it seems is necessary, and of which I was not aware — Please tele him this in order to account for ~~my not havin~~ his not having received a letter from me — I would write - but, as of course by this time he has left Baden Baden, I do not know his address — Or I suppose that by this ~~time~~ you have heard from him, please write shortly & tele me all the news & his present plans — . I shall also want £10 (The Governor told me to apply to you), which please send

you as I am in some want of it. I have to invest in several new books owing to my attending perfectly new subjects for lectures. Don't forget to tell the Governor in your next letter that you have given it me – Also please tell him that the lectures I that I am attending are 1 Botany at King's College – 2 Forensic Medicine – 3 Chemical Manipulation – 4 Surgical Operations & 5 Botany under Lindley at the Chelsea Botanical Gardens only twice a week – I do not attend the Civil Engineering Class as it would be too much, I think, to do well; neither do I dissect as I had previously intended, because I can only get pickled subjects & also because there is an immense deal of microscopizing required in Vegetable Physiology to which, it seems to me, that I had better at present give my time. I like my Summer Course very much indeed – it is not half such hard work as the Winter Course, and much more amusing. I too good prizes open to me at the end of the course viz in Botany & Forensic Medicine. I received a letter from Betsy the other day, who told me that she had just had a letter from Delly, ~~boasting the~~ who assumed

the honour of sending her (Betsy) the first gluttinous Stamp – but Delly not being very expert, the Stamp did not stick on, and so Betsy had to pay double Postage

Oh Delly! Delly! your congratulatory letters with regard to the reduced Postage System have been singularly unfortunate, in case of any fresh alteration, please dont write to me

Good bye Your affectionate Son

Fra Galton.

P.S. Mrs and Miss Hodgson are just gone to Brighton to recruit for the Hooping Cough – (No offence to you observe to my Hooping Cough) – How is Darwin & Claverdon getting on.?

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July 10th 1839
General Hospital

My dear Governor

I have been waiting before that I wrote to you - to see whether Mr Hodgson would have recommended anything for me - but as he has not I will tell you what he has done. He called me aside & asked me if I felt unwell or not - I told him that I was - gave symptoms &c When Mr Hodgson asked what I had intended to do about this trip that you proposed - I replied that I had but just heard about it & did not think that I could spare my time - to which Mr Hodgson agreed - said it was a foolish plan &c &c (NB He was in a bad humour because an operation of his for Cataract has not exactly succeeded) - & after saying other things of the same import - looked off. He did not prescribe for me - However I shall do very well. There is capital fun going on here - only think of Dr Booth Amongst other performances of his.

when he led the police into the Bull Ring. The people swearing – throwing stones at him. He R.d. The Dr (it being dark) coolly rode to the nearest Lamp Post put his hand in his pocket & pulled out his Barnacles – inserted them again & legged out the Riot Act & read away most Edifyingly – !!

Bye the Bye about Mr Abbot – I have had 30 lessons a brace in November – do in June & regularly in the intervening months. ~~the rates~~ His banker is Taylor & Lloyd. & he wishes to have it directed for the Revd J Abbot. Free School

Our Matron has had a tremendous Epileptic fit She is in Bed still, & very unwell – Quite sorry to hear about your Asthma, but you must I suppose console yourself with the Aphorism of the Cook on the Eels – "nothing when you are accustomed to it." – Bye the Bye I have been on the stage with Van Amburg – took up his whip & shook it (it is a common horse hair one but very large & heavy) & helped to draw the Lion's Cages off afterwards.

I am rather – badly off for soap. My Books cost 2s 6d. – & there is my British Association fee (going to Cambridge & back) (I have kept regular Accounts !!!)

Amongst others of my entries is one.
Various Charities – £ !!
I must look you up some of these fine days.
I have got no news whatsumever
So bye-bye.
Your affectionate Son
Frs. Galton

P.S. Mr Thomas Knott the Editor of Ari Gazette has died suddenly of Apoplexy.

S T Galton Esqr
29 Lansdown Place
Leamington

Francis Galton
10 July 1839

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My dear Father.

I have been 2 or 3 times to Mr Sedge's house but he was not at home & I understood that last time that I was there that he had left town for a week or so. Shall I wait till he return. or write about it to Lucy.

2nd. I wrote to Lucy about a travelling companion. She recommended 3 or 4 of old school fellows & but none of them can come with me I know. They were Theodore Dalton. 1 or 2 of my Mr Jeune School fellows. Mr Evans brother, & lastly the most likely one. Edward Darwin. However here I am in state quo

3d. Mr Hodgson's letter was delivered same day. Mr Abbotts do. I intended to have in charge of Mr Sedge I delayed writing in hopes of catching Mr Sedge. but as you know all about Birmingham it is no use writing anything on that subject. I am quite sorry that Bessy cant go to Scotland. Edw. loves you best & left Bye the Bye in rummaging a pocket of one of my coats I found a letter directed in your hand, to the Manager of the Birmingham Banking Co - Tds.

not know how it came there. & how long it has been in Statu quo.

Good bye. affectionate Son

Frs Galton

Mr Galton
Aug 1839

Hospital
Aug 16th 1845

Dear Betsy.

Beg pardon, full of tuition – May go of course – Took that for granted before asking. thought you did ditto. Ready on Monday, the 2nd (I think). Hodgson ~~said~~ was most amiable – Thought it would do me good. Uncommon clever man to have found that out. Tell the Governor that I have got to be examined before I can enter at Cambridge by a Trinity ~~Fell~~ Mr. Mr Lea is out so that won't do. However as there is nothing like 2 strings to one's bow. I have got both Mr Sedgwick & Dr J. Johnstone. Separately & individually to promise to get me examined. at the time of the Association I should have written before. only I thought that I could have been examined here by any Cambridge M.A. but I was dished. Poor old Mr Carrie died suddenly this morning. Hodgson told me so.

Now then about our travelling. First comes the Tin. I propose that you carry the fund & give me some sum, ~~say~~ £2, every morning, ~~for~~ & every Evening balance accounts, thus making you the banker & me the paymaster. The route I leave to your "superior judgement". I will come to Leamington on the Saturday before our departure & go with you to Coventry on Monday morning. ~~Eh~~ Please write to me pretty soon about your arrangements. Bye the Bye how often on an average daily are we expected to cry over the different affecting places, because it will make a considerable difference in the Number of my pocket handerchiefs. —

I must however give warning that when I come to Leamington neither Mamma Emma or ~~Laura~~ Stone are ~~to in~~ any way to help alias incommode me in my packing up - neither are they to inspect ~~or~~ give their judgement thereupon without of course my Sovereign will & pleasure.

I have got nothing else to say

Bye Bye. Love night & left

Fra Galton

f. 13r

Franks

Miss Galton
29 Lansdowne Place
Leamington

H Bruman
Heir
Esq
Milan

Thursday

f. 13v

Oct 3d 1839
17 New St Spring Gardens
London

Dear Papa.

After I left Leamington I fell fast asleep as soon as I got into the train & remained so till I got to London except at Wolverton where the Guard, it being dark, awoke me by inquiring if I was the "Old Lady" that was to be set down there. Went to the Victoria Inn Euston Square Comfortable Place – Marble Slabs &c. In the Morning went to Andre' then Cartwright & so on. Arrived at Parkinson's in the afternoon. He was not in. but one of my fellow pupils was. ~~Our~~ i there are 3 besides myself. We have 1 sitting room. an excellent medical library. & most reputable furniture ornamented with a plaister of Paris model of King George & the Dragon. My Sleeping Room is the best comfortable it is a garret 3 stories up. small but Cozy. Bookshelves.

My fellow Pupils are as follows. 2 Scamps & one very nice fellow, "Seemingly," as the Old Women say they have all been here 2 or 3 years. I have made

the Discovery. that what you pay to Partridge does not include the Education at King's College which is £28. 10. this brings me uncommon hard up I pay it to-morrow. Please let me have another supply besides £5 for an arm.
as I have not paid Cathwright Dissecting instruments nor for some Boys yet I will account for the £12 at the end.

Our Dinners are splendid. We have Sherry, fish Soup & every thing. Clean Napkins & Dessert Basin to wash our phizzes in. A key of the Door & quite at home. My Lectures are on Anatomie Physiologie & Chemistry. from 9 to 10. 2-3, 3-4. I shall begin Dissecting with the first subject. Bowman is very good natured to me. ditto Partridge. Bye the Bye there is only one wash a fortnight of clothes!!! so please send my shirts immediately. Good Bye Love to all Pleas remember me to Mademoiselle Mala.

& Believe me ever

Yours Truly

Fras Galton

Accounts

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Dinner & Waiter		4	
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Hospital Washing Bill		14	6
Letters Parcels &c & one book for the year I was at the Hospital	1		
Coach to Leam & Back		5	
Cab & Papers for Lugage &c		2	
Hat from André (the only reputable one I have ever had)	1	10	
Umbrella		14	
Glover		3	6
Gut		1	6
Map of London		2	6
Carriage of Books & Sent from Leam		19	
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30th Papers

	£	s	d
Hair Brushes Tooth Wash	1	8	6
Bath		6	6
Dugzow Wooly Bore Pig Bullocks	4	6	
Cuvier's Anatomy	1	8	
Adelaide Gallery		1	
Stationery Visiting Cards		3	
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Lectures & King's College & Dissecting Gown	20	10	
Aprons for Dissecting		8	
Boots Vellington	1	10	
½ ditto (about)		16	
Cartwright's Bill / Coat 2 Pr Trousers about	4	—	—
	50	17	—
Received in all	42	—	—
∴ I shall be Minus (about)	8	17	

I believe that I am right in (4) — Not having yet had my Bills I cant tell. Please let me have further supplies immediately. — If you have a ~~portable~~ Microscope good for anything it would be of great use here.

S. T. Galton Esqr
29 Lansdowne Place
Leamington

Francis Galton London
30th 1839

Mrs

17 Nro St Spring Gardens.
Oct 12th 1839.

My dear Father

Thank you very much for your letter - uncom-
-mon so for its contents which I have got duly receipted. This is a very
comfortable house. & I certainly have many extra opportunities of reading
Our sitting room is quite respectable well lighted ditto carpetted. ~~Fire~~ is
furnished with a most capital library. about 10 Skeletons. &c. a legal
cast of St George and the Dragon, a bust of Harvey, & I dont know
what else. a view from the window of the Admiralty. with a telegraph
at the top continually working & attitudinizing like a Skeleton learning Gymnastics.
- The Horse Guards. &c. My bed room is small & a garret but the
most comfortable one possible not too large nor too small
with bookshelves & a reading desk, where I threw away most
comfortably. There are two W.Cs splendid ones the only unfortunate
is that ~~the two~~ the only entrance to one is directly out of the Drawing Room
& is so arranged that on opening the door the whole of the furniture
comes at once into view. & the other has two doors one opening into
Mr Partridge's bed room & the other door into another bed room. & ~~the~~ yesterday
day as I was directedly my steps in that ~~direction~~ way on opening
one door. Mr Partridge simultaneously opened the other, & there

we stood like two Candidates for a Borough – contesting a vacant Seat
King's Colledge is a very nice place I am there from 9 till 4
attending lectures and dissecting. There is a sight there which a Frenchman
would give his ears to see viz a most splendid collection of large
green frogs all alive & kicking & croaking too. kept however for Dr
Todd's Physiological Experiments. Thank you for the microscope it
was just the thing. the Shirts too were werry acceptable.

I was quite surprised to hear that you got home without such
an amiable personage as myself. I am glad that the tartans were
properly appreciated. Good Bye D. Dr. Fras Galton

Dear Jemmy. I want you too be in the very best humour
possible & the reason is this. in my bed room there is a yellow wall
12 ft by 5. now this does not accord with my notions of beauty
but – remember you are a capital Jemmy. – if there were 2 Water
colour pictures to relieve its [redacted] monotony it would be most
reputable. now there is not a single engraving that will do in all London
[redacted] they are all either too large & too expensive or too small & good
for nothing. now if you would but paint me [redacted] 2
2 Pictures. Each about the size of a novel I send them up
by some parcel or other I could get them framed in black for
1 bob a piece. I should like something in a Dout style.
not three Turks smoking their pipes in a triangle. with
one blue hill in the distance & a white river [redacted] between them
& something on the hill with two uprights & a cross bar

like a gibbet  only intended for the ruins of an old temple.
but some building or other well touched up with Indian Ink
& reed pen — I shall take such care of them. Now remember
the "aspect" of the room is this. pretty well lighted. 1 window, not
opposite the wall, which is yellow. (the frame will be black) You will now know what sort
of things with suit. Tell Bessy. that the paws are in proving. their
very bad. Math middling. but better. & that "dismally" weak is not
quite faped. Good bye - You are, at least will be, a nice
Beanny. Love to all. Remember me to Mademoiselle Rivale.

Yrs Galton

P.S. When I throw the first cheque of the Governors to
the bank. one the Mr Barclays Junr I dont know which
was at home. ~~his opposite~~ his visual axes (as they say in perspective) converge
most horribly & were fixtures to that had his nose been a little larger. they would
have remained for ever staring at its bridge. He say "a

NB It has just struck me that I have never written to
congratulate Mr Attwood though I have continually thought of
it. Should you see him. will you do so & remember me very
kindly to him

Rec.d Galton – London
12 Oct. 1839

J. Galton Esq.
29 Gloucester Place
Edinburgh

Sunday Oct 16th 1859
17 Nassau St. Spring Gardens
London.

My dear Father

Thanks for your Letter. I have been thinking over about another year's Londonizing. & having crammed up "Whewell's University Education" I certainly think that it would be better to give it & the Laboratory up altogether. As the Dissecting Season is over about ~~[illegible]~~ June (I forget exactly when) my hands will not be full for 3 months or so before going up to Cambridge. ~~[illegible]~~ in which time I shall hope be able to get up the first part of Mathematics well & a fair proportion of the Classics that Mr Blakeney has mentioned. I think it would be as well at that time not to touch either Mechanics ~~of~~ Conic Section but to exhaust Merrifield's Shop in Scribbling Paper for working Equations &c. — I am as well as possible getting a ~~thorough~~ thorough Exercising twice a week at Angelo's either at Carte & Tierce or else in pitching into a huge Life Guardsman, six feet & a half high in his slippers. or rather in his pitching into me with Single Stick. I have no headaches or anything

of the sort & directly increases the appetite wonderfully. I dont send any accounts as there is nothing particular to put down as for those I sent last time. I only sent the Generals not being very fond of Double Entry. though I have the particulars safe in my account Books for instance I did not write 2 ounces of Epson Salts – 2d. having ~~included~~ included that in the Washing Bill, ~~being~~ since it was most undoubtedly for a cleaning out that I bought them) to go forth the rest.

Jenny. you are a most dutiful sister. Pictures splendid. the frame maker nearly broke his window when he started back in admiration. there are heavy up with my little Ariadne between them. Are they real Scenes?. however dont ask me whether I admired the perspective ~~[illegible]~~. And now in return I will show you what a deal of attention I bestow on them. I will just make a calculation I am on an average. 5 minutes dawdling in getting up. 10 minutes ditto in going to bed. during this time I must necessarily look at one side of the room or the other, & as the room is bare on the other side that can be no attraction in looking there. therefore at least $\frac{2}{3}$rs or 10 minutes will be daily spent in looking at your pictures besides this I am always awake about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour before getting up when I cant help seeing them as they are just before my nose. that makes 25 minutes a day. or 12 hours nearly a month or 156 hours or

19½ days of Shows each yearly..!

Dear Betsy I did not receive your Nuptial. of course it was an accident. I didnt ask for it by letter. As I knew you would draw it interesting. it will look so pretty - especially as it will be about the size of Emma's Pictures rather larger perhaps but same shape. — Paws vastly improved but horrors! about a week ago a huge crimson boil appeared above a a little to the left of my nose. it was as large as a fourpenny piece. and seemed to increase visibly afore my poorey eyes what could I do. Partridge said it was a carbuncle but I knew better. For I had as soon as I had seen it, read 12 different authors on that point. & then prepared I was determined to fight vigorously I pitched a lancet into it. poulticed it all night swallowed a fearful dose of blue pill & colocynth. & an ounce & a half of salts the next morning. they felt very aggravating in my stomach but at 3.pm. the boil was almost colourless. & gone down wonderfully. — Tuesday. fast improving. lancet cut healing Wednesday. all but well left off sticking plasters. Thursday. Cured — Extreme Cases require extreme measures. — Please write & tell me when the Surveys come. How often ought I to call on the Homers — Dito Chas Darwin — who left his card here the other day. I drink Tea with Mrs James Gates to morrow. Good Bye love to Mammy Dolly &. Tell Darwin that I have lots of tales to tell him. Partridge compts.

Fred. Galton
London.
16 Oct. 1839

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Peter Galton Esqr.
24 Queen's Place
Birmingham.

Nov. 5th 1839.

My dear Father

I have just this moment received your Letter. I should have written sooner, but have been making enquiries right & left about the Chemistry. 1st of all it is evident that it would not be worth the money, ~~my time admit of it~~ to give the small quantity of spare time that I should have my 1st year to it. But Daniell has told Mr Partridge that I shall be, if I enter, a perpetual student. i.e. be able ~~to~~ chemistryfy, when & whenever I may wish. This Season Ticket however will be useless, as the course of my Education is at present fixed. The only thing would be to extend my London residence for another year, when I should have more daily time. ~~I fy~~ but then I am afraid that I should be too late for Cambridge. Mr Partridge has made some enquiries on the subject, & the result is that the opinion is rather against my putting off Cambridge.. Would you be so kind as to ask Mr Lea & other

Cambridge Mem. & Please let me know soon.

I was invited to tea by the Homers, very kind invite, but unfortunately signed Anne (Ottrich) Homer. Now as I had not the slightest earthly idea whether there was such a person as Mrs Homer or not. I did not know whom Anne meant. & therefore I could not write an answer, so ~~the~~ as soon as I had time I set off to call. but they had directed their note Bedford Street Russell Square. & when I got to R. Square. I could find no such place. I went to B. Street Bedford Square. Upper B. Place. & knocked at every No. 2. in the Neighbourhood. at last I called a consultation of 3 Policemen who after some debate gave over my case as hopeless, what could I do? their name was not down in the. court Guide. The day after I made an expedition to 2 other Bedf. Sq. Streets but no go - then came the day I was to take tea with them. & it suddenly struck me that the numbers in Lower B. Place might be different from those in Upper B. Place & looked there & luckily was right. the Lyells were there. & one of the Homers had just returned from Germany. St Petersburg &c. they were very kind to me. Mr Homer was in the North

I shortly after called upon Chas Darwin. who was most good natured. he has been unwell. & I called upon Mr James Yates I am as well as possible — Cartwright charges awfully. viz. for 1 coat 1 waistcoat. 2 pr Trowsers. £9. 19. 6. I have

moreover begun Fencing. at Angelo's Rooms. The charges are high but as for exercise &c I think it was about the best thing I could do. 3 hours twice a week for the Season, almost the whole year. at fencing, single stick or whatever I like. £.11. These two have been my great expenses. but luckily they dont come again. The way I spent my time differs a good deal according to the Dissection or not. 9-10 Anatomical Lecture. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ 10½-1½. dissection 2-3 Chemical Lecture. 3-4 Physiological Lecture. 4-6 Read or walk or Fence or something of the sort. 6-7 Dinner. ~~[illegible]~~ Dodge ⅔ of an hours. often a wee more then Sea till. 8. Read & Microscope till. 1. & amuse myself till 2 or 2½ according as I am lazy or not. sleep till. 8. So I sat 2 hours sleep 7. Attend Lec 3. Read hard ~~[illegible]~~ 3½ ~~[illegible]~~ Microscope 1. Dissect 3. amuse myself. 3. Sleep &c &c 1½. This is something of the way I spend my time. Now for the way I spend my money. this is not exact to six pences - though NB I keep accounts

	£	s.	d.
Cartwright	10	–	
Fencing	11	–	
Dispensary Case &c.	2	10	
An Upper Extremity & an Abdomen.	–	18	
Boots & Shoes.	2	14	
Stationary.	1	10	
Luncheons, about 1 shilling per week.	–	5	
Exceedingly Diversified Chemical Apparatus.	–	–	6
	25	17	6
Washing Footing		10	
		4	
		=£30 nearly	

=Tell Jem - that she is a nice Jem.
=Thank Dolly for letter.
Your Microscope is very useful. Mr Partridge has let me have the use of his a very splendid one. value £.60.
But I use your one commonly.
Tell Mater that I thought of her & the Dog. I am afraid that the Pork Pie is not quite worth the carriage although made out of a Clarendon Pig. Loves to all. Tell Pg that Laws are improved. though I have got a cut on them. Your Gollen

Turn over

Daniell's Experiments are most beautiful. He froze some Carbonic Acid Gas the other day. by first condensing it to a liquid & then letting it suddenly free: the abstraction of latent Heat for halfpenny froze it at a temperature of 130° Fahr below the Freezing Point. it could be held in the hand. as the Carbonic Acid Gas being given off in every direction from it keeps it from actually touching the hand. I swallowed a piece. Queer taste. Some Mercury was frozen with it. in no time

Galton Francis
5 Mar 1839

Mr Francis Galton Esqr
at Transactions Place
Kensington
Kensington S.W.

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December. 6th 1839

My dear Governor.

I hope that you wont consider me guilty of disrespect in sending you such a disreputable letter. But as I am at Kings-College I have not any other by me. & moreover as in these happy days of ½ ounce fourpennies any thing in a decent envelope will do, therefore - - here goes.

I should have written before but I waited for Mr Hodgson. but as he wont come I wait no longer. I have

spoken to Dear Darwin about Cambridge who recommends next October. I to read Mathematics like a house on fire. thinks that I had better go as soon as possible for these reasons. 1st I cannot take my degree of BM until 5 years after matriculation if not B. A Medical Education takes 3 or 4 years. of which I shall have had 2. & after taking an MA degree I shall have 2 more before that I can hope an Doctor. Now if I delay matriculating I shall defer ~~that~~ possibility of taking a Physicians degree for a corresponding length of time which may be an

inconvenience.

Again. He thinks it certain that when at Cambridge I shall forget all the theoretical part of Medicine, I mean half of Physiology. $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of Surgery & $\frac{4}{5}$ ths of Medicine to say nothing of Anatomy ~~He~~ lectures on the two last of which I shall attend next year. & will be time thrown away.

Now about reading Mathematics. he said very truly. vs. The ~~faculty~~ of observation rather than that of abstract reasoning tends to constitute a good Physician.

The higher parts of Mathematics, which are exceedingly interwoven ~~into~~ with Chemical

& Medical Phenomena (Electricity, Light
Heat &c &c) ~~are~~ all exist & exist only
on experience & observation. ∴ don't
stop half way. make the most of the
opportunity & read them. I quite agree
with all he said.

Again. If after Cambridge I return to
K College. I should necessary feel much
greater interest in chemicalizing than
I do now. not being able at present
to comprehend one half of the fundamental
principles which are Mathematical,
Light especially. This would be a great
convenience with regard to the Laboratory

I wished a note of invite is sent unpaid
by the two penny post. May I answer
it by dito or how.?
(2). Ought I to call at St James Square
before these boils go away & take
the chance of <u>more</u> not coming. or not?
NB the 2nd is just the size of & exactly
like those purple polyhuses there were at
Weymouth.

f. 24 v

I. When the Homers invite with a note beginning with "My dear Francis" how am I to answer it?

f. 25r

Give my loves to all. Ask Emma what I can do for the boils.

Diet. Breakfast 1 largish cup of tea
1 round Dry Toast.

Luncheon. not always. Bread & Cheese.

Dinner. 1 or 2 times of meat. vegetables melted butter. 3 glasses wine. Pudding or Tart. 1 glass of water

Tea. several small cups. bread & butter.

This is my full diet. Please Emma tell me what sort of low diet will do.

I have fearful indigestion. Sleepless
variable appetite. &c &c.

Good Bye Fras Galton.

for. were I to enter there now I should
be able to go there & tole about when
I do not dissect, (which I am afraid will
[redacted] be very often as there are hardly
any subjects,) & work regularly after
Cambridge, when I could finish my
Medical Education at Kings College —
~~Therefore~~ Bowman thinks ditto &
he is a great man now. & he also

says that every high Mathematical Med.
that he knows has got on well.
Dr Loom & Dr Blakiston of Queen
& Dr Watson of K. College & R.
Please write & tell me what you think
Should I enter into the Laboratory
There is no time to lose. —
We shall have 1 week or 10 days at Xmas

though perhaps it will scarcely be worth while to come down for so short a time

Good Bye to Fra Galton.

Dear Bessy. Thanks for your letter & Pliefal forthcoming. But dont please put any advice in the middle (even though its an ancestor) for I am sure I have had enough. its quite as eternal & does me no more good than Dr Sangrado's Warm Water.

O Betsy Betsy. .... I have had another boil exactly by the side of the former ~~but~~ which has partially reappeared. The new one is mountainous but alas! not snow capped like Ben Nevis ~~but~~ more like Ben Lomond covered with Scarlet heather. I shall have a complete Snowdonia of them soon & my mouth is rather sore. Paws rather improved.

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F. Tertius Galton Esq.
29. Lansdowne Place
Leamington.

Postmark
9 Dec 1839

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f. 28v

Sunday

My dear Father

I shall be in Leamington either on the Monday Night or Tuesday Morning before Xtmas. I am not sure which. Our holiday, Vacation I mean, lasts till the 2nd Saturday after them. making almost a fortnight in all – of which time I have agreed with Erasmus to spend a week in looking him up at Lockerton the time of travelling inclusive. Erasmus came yesterday to London. I introduced him to the Dissecting Room. from which he seemed rather glad to bolt. Would you ask Mater to see that my Gun is in perfect condition & as clean as a peeled potato 2ndly. To see that my powder Flask, which I think is in a Bank Box in my room, is Gunpowder Tight. if not to let the hole be soldered up. I want Mater to ask you, about the State of my wardrobe. I hope.

1 Coat. in wh alone I tourified through Scotland. Ben Nevis Expedition included. & which I had worn 3 nights before i.e. Christmas. worn daily since 1st Oct. The shine is rather taken out of it. but it is respectable. It will do for the Strand but not for St James Square.

1 Dress coat. which I wore at the Fancy dress ball. not exactly a perfect fit.

1. Morning. Dirty work coat. which will do.

1 check - trowsers Cartwright.

2 respectable. fair trowsers. Cartwright

1 dress ditto ditto.

2 waistcoats ditto ditto. at least one.

Boots & dress pair trowsers are all right 3.

Now I am badly off for coats possessing only

1 that I can wear in the morning.

& 1 - ——— can't wear in the Evening.

What am I to do Cartwright has no conscience

he has charged £15 . 18. altogether.

Would you also send me word how many morning coats you & Darwin wear yearly. My consumption would be 3 per year. about.

Please write soon as I am going to a ball at the Homers next week.

Moreover I have no great coat. which is rather unpleasant in a London Fog.

Please send me Arri. I have forgotten each time to say which newspaper I wanted till after sending the letter.

Accounts.

	£	s	d	
Cartwright	5	18		
Stationery	2	10		
Darkey Bill (not Galton)		10		Cont.
Medicine & Pessaries				
Quantities for indigestion prob. carbonate &c		9		
3 Theatres &c		12		
Luncheons & Dinners		6		
Head & Neck		8	4	
Repairs of Watches, Instruments &c		5		
Red Handkerchief	1	4		
3 Hair Cut. & adornments		6	6	
	5	11	2	
Portages & Sundries		6	6	
	6	15	6	+ Cartwright
	5	18		
	12	14	6	

Yours Fran Galton.

Rec^d. Galler
15 Decr 1839

£17.14.6 not accredited in my bks but supposed to be included in a sum of £20.16.6 which is placed to his credit in that month —